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AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMEMBASSY UANA

AMCONSUL TABRIZ

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO SYRIA BY US CITIZENS

1. SINCE THE OCTOBER WAR, WE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT SOME US CITIZENS TRAVELING SYRIA FROM LEBANON WERE BEING REFUSED ENTRY AT BORDER ALTHOUGH WE KNEW ALSO THAT MANY WERE VISITING SYRIA WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY.

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2. TO CLARIFY SYRIAN POLICY, SCOTES OF USINT/DAMASCUS

QUERIED FONMIN REGARDING SARG POLICY TOWARD TRAVEL BY
US PRIVATE CITIZENS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WERE
NO RESTRICTIONS AND AMERICAN TRAVELERS WERE WELCOME.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY FIND THIS INFORMATION USEFUL
IN ADVISING US CITIZENS. WE STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT
INFORMATION IN PASSPORT OFFICE INFORMATION SHEET M-311
SEPTEMBER 1973 STILL VALID, ESPECIALLY THE LACK OF
WELCOME MAT FOR ANY PERSON WHO PREVIOUSLY VISITED ISRAEL,
WHETHER OR NOT THIS EVIDENCED IN TRAVELR'S PASSPORT.

4. DEPT SHOULD ALTER SECOND PARAGRAPH M-311 TO REFLECT
ASSIGNMENT AMERICANS TO USINT/DAMASCUS.

5. SCOTES INTENDS RAISE SUBJECT OF OFFICIAL US TRAVEL
TO SYRIA WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.
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